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SUBJECT: Discussion [REDACTED] in 1947 Hearings on War Department Appropriation.

On pages 532-536 of the "Hearings Before The Subcommittee Of The Committee On Appropriations, House of Representatives, On The Military Establishment Appropriation Bill For 1947", the transfer of FBIS from FCC to the War Department is discussed at some length. This discussion implies that there was considerable Congressional criticism of the activities of FBIS during the war because they supposedly duplicated similar activities of the War and Navy Departments.

The accusation of unnecessary duplication during the war of some FCC activities was made by Congress but involved the Commission's Radio Intelligence Division and not FBIS. It is unfortunate that none of the War Department representatives at the 1947 appropriation hearings knew the background of the conflict between FCC's Radio Intelligence Division and the military communication services during the war. This point may again be raised in CIG's appropriation hearings for 1948. If it does, the background on this issue should be made known to General Vandenberg.

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At no time was the FBIS function of monitoring foreign broadcasts confused with the monitoring activities of the military communication services. The interception of point-to-point transmissions by the Radio Intelligence Division of FCC, however, were criticized at great length by Congressional appropriation committees and by the Special Select Committee which investigated the Federal Communications Commission in 1943. It was felt that the RID monitoring duplicated the work of the War and Navy services and should have been eliminated. The two organizations within FCC were independent of each other, their functions were entirely different and their identity should never be confused.

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